

Application No. 09/811,675
Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2005

REMARKS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 33-38 are pending in this application. Claims 1-32 have been canceled. Claims 33-38 are new. Applicants submit that no new matter has been incorporated into the Amendment.

New Claims 33-38

New claims 33-38 are directed to recording encrypted data to and reproducing encrypted data from a recording medium using a unique ID recorded on the recording medium. An embodiment supporting new claims 33-38 is found at pages 67-68 of the application.

Teshima, Omiro et al. and Fukusushima are each directed to methods and apparatus for managing medical information. However, neither Teshima, Omiro et al. nor Fukusushima teach or suggest encrypting and then recording information on a recording medium using an ID recorded on the recording medium or reproducing and decrypting information from a recording medium using the ID from the recording medium, as recited by independent claims 33 and 36. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 33 and 36 are allowable over Teshima, Omiro et al. and Fukusushima.

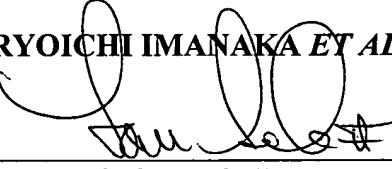
Further claims 34-35 and 37-38 are allowable based on their dependency on claims 33 and 36 respectively.

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CONCLUSION

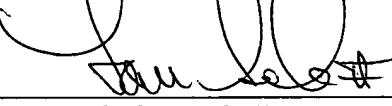
Insofar as the Examiner's rejections have been addressed, the application is in condition for allowance and Notice of Allowability of claims 33-38 is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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